

STAR WARS

THE BATTLE OF KESSEL

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As the Rebel Fleet was exiting the Kessel System, they were intercepted by a blockade of Imperial ships. Sergeant Rieekan led the Rogue Squadron. He saw some tie fighters and gave the warning. "Rogue Leader standing by," he said. The answers from the other pilots came soon.

"Rogue 3 standing by."

"Rogue 5 standing by."

"Rogue 2 standing by."

"Rogue 7 standing by."

"Set S-foils in attack position," Rieekan said as he took an evasive maneuver to avoid a tie fighter. He locked onto it and fired. Just then, Rieekan looked to his right and saw green laser bolts. He flew to the left, and so did the tie fighter. He decided to contact Wedge Antillies. "Wedge, I need cover," said Rieekan. Wedge's response came quick.

"Right with you, Rogue Leader," Wedge said.

At the same time, Grand Moff Tarkin was having his own problems. His stardestroyer was chasing the Rebel ship, Tantive IV. The Tantive IV's blasts had damaged his ship's engines, and now it was outrunning the stardestroyer. "We could send out tie interceptors," he thought, but suddenly his thoughts were interrupted by Captain Needa.

"Sir, an unidentified ship has appeared on our-"

Boom! At that moment, Grand Moff Tarkin identified the ship. "No Rebel fighter has that much power, that's a CIS strike bomber!" he paused. "Prepare my shuttle for immediate departure."

Rieekan and his squadron saw what Obi-wan had done, and were flying their ships towards the damaged stardestroyer. "Stand by," said Rieekan, as he flew ahead of the other ships. He fired at the the Imperial star cruiser, and as he drew closer to it, he pulled up just avoiding a collision with the bridge of the stardestroyer. A second later, Rieekan saw the stardestroyer's garbage storage open, but instead of garbage, an Imperial Shuttle flew out. "Rogue 2, stop that shuttle," said Rieekan.

"Right away Rogue Lea-aaaaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhh!!!" was all that Rieekan got from Rogue 2.

"Leave that shuttle, they have sent out the interceptors!" Rieekan ordered as he turned to face the incoming fighters. "Where is Obi-wan when I need him?!"

thought Rieekan. As if in answer, Obi-wan's fighter appeared, and fired at the tie interceptor that was pursuing Rieekan's x-wing. Thinking fast, Rieekan flew right in front of a tie fighter making it follow him. Then he flew strait across the path of a tie interceptor, making the two Imperial fighters collide.

Looking behind his ship, Rieekan saw three tie interceptors pursuing him. Suddenly he flew right above the bridge of a stardestroyer, forcing the faster, but less maneuverable Imperial fighters into a collision with it. Without warning, a huge star destroyer appeared, it was at least eleven times the size of a regular Imperial starship.

Rieekan thought hard on how he could stop this new threat, suddenly he had an idea. First he contacted a Mon Calamari starcruiser, and said "I need two Corellian dropships now!" After that, he told his plan to Obi-wan and his squadron. With the help of two Corellian dropships that would be continuously bringing more men, they were going to board the large stardestroyer. "There's only one problem," said Rieekan, "Vader."

"I'll hold him off disguised as some Jedi knight that I taught after the rise of the Empire," said Obi-wan

"The dropships are here." Wedge Antillies announced.

"All right then," Rieekan said, "Let's move!"

As Rieekan's squadron advanced on the super stardestroyer, Obi-wan snuck into its hanger. Disguised as a Jedi Knight called Thorin Zarothe, he located Darth Vader in the engine room. As Obi-wan entered the room, Vader turned and said "So I was to believe that the Jedi were extinct!"

Rieekan stepped out of his x-wing and into the garbage chute. "Wedge, locate the bridge," he said. Just then, the door was blown down and stormtroopers ran in. Rieekan began firing at them. "Follow me!" he shouted as he ran past the advancing Imperial troops, towards the door. Once all of his men were in, he opened the door of the garbage chute, sending the stormtroopers into space.

"Sir, the bridge is directly above us," said Wedge Antillies.

"Alright then," Rieekan said, "Let's get to that elevator."

